to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area. Allocation for this scheme has not been finalized.

Opening of universities

1345. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start more than 300 universities in the country, as proposed by the Knowledge Commission of India;

(b) if so, by when and where they would be started:

(c) the extra annual expenditure due to these universities; and

(d) the intention of starting such a large number of universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pant Committee recommendations on KVs

1346. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of observations/recommendations of the J.C. Pant Committee to evaluate the performance of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) the steps taken on these observations/recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATM1): (a) and (b) The summary of recommendations of J.C. Pant Committee, constituted in December, 2001 to review the management structure and operating mechanism of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), is given in the Statement *(See* below). KVS has already implemented several of these recommendations in various forms.

Statement

Summary of recommendations of the review committee set up for review of the management structure and operating mechanism of KVS [Pant Committee Report]

L Review of admission policy and need for expansion

(a) 10% of new admission to be made on merit basis each year in Class II onwards. For admission in Class XI, the provision of minimum 80% marks to be relaxed to 75% for students coming from other schools if number of such students is less

(b) (i) Sale of registration forms and registration should be commenced from 1st December to 31st January.

(ii) Last date of receipt of the forms should be 31st January

(iii) Display of admission list by 15th February.